

be provoked, and, he will fight to be armed. If he is an enemy, he comes here to be imprisoned, and if he has fought to be hanged. The government of the United States is bound so to regard the blacks. There is no justice to sit under; there was no slaves to be freed, and no court sitting in the camp to decide it; there is no authority than man to settle it. He is a man with the name of manhood God has given him. He is capable of being a master, and is therefore either to be armed and used or imprisoned and punished. Let the government of the United States say, through its Agent, Scott, or through its Secretary of War, the various generals of division—"What shall we do in the future with slavery, we know not; the future will shape itself; but every man, black or white, that enters your lines, hung his arm high in triumph." When they have said it, then comes the longer question, when the Commonwealth of Virginia. The moment they have said it, whenever the stars and stripes float, liberty surrounds them. The moment they have said, ours is an army marching into a country where one half of the population is on our side—men, women and children—this is one half the victory. The moment we have said it, the South knows the vigor of the Union, the point of efficiency. I ask that of the government, leaving Congress to shape its future.

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The enemy is not fighting; they are only playing with their lives: 200,000 men. Maps just finished in Washington found in the tents of the rebels! The plan of the campaign known to be in possession of the staff of the opposite army! Out of such a nest, no army should be sent. We have a right to ask of this government, War is horrible. No government, no mere form, is worth a single human life. If we enter it, we enter for the gravest and most solemn of all purposes; and after that, every step should be taken to make it as efficient as possible. You and I are to save years of this bloody war. I would not take one step, nor retreat from it, out of regard to England and France (loud applause). In one sense, I am sorry for their sympathy. If fifteen millions of men are to be won over to our cause, it would be well for their sympathy. If fifteen millions of men are to be lost, loud applause). If we need England or France to decree government and justice on this continent, we had better be under a king (applause, and cries of "hear, hear"). I would not, therefore, take a step, nor forfeit it, out of any regard to England. With a fair purpose and proper exercise of will, we are able to decide this question. Gen. Scott might have burned over Virginia, monsieur, but I had no wood to conceal the masked batteries of Massassas. Why did he let his hundred thousand men linger in Washington? Better there, than to be sent out to be butchered. Such was not Washington's conduct when for long months he created an army behind traitor's Portal. Occasional employment helped formal drifts in the spirit of the soldier. But what may we rightly ask of this government? Is it to put on its banner something like this? The moment you see it, something is to be done.

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THE WESTERN ANTI-SLAVERY SOCIETY.

To the Editor of The National Anti-Slavery Standard.

Respectfully inform the readers of THE STANDARD that our Executive Committee, in view of recent events, have thought best not to hold the Annual Meeting of the Western Society at the time mentioned in my note, published last week.

The meeting is postponed till further notice.

Very truly yours,

JAMES BARNARD.

Salem, O., August 1, 1861.

Dr. CHEEVER was lately in Dublin, where he delivered several anti-slavery addresses. A letter from our Dublin Correspondent, situating to the Doctor's visit, we are compelled to defer till next week. In London, on the 24th ult., a public meeting, having reference to the American crisis, was held, at which Lord Shaftesbury presided, and a testimonial to Dr. Cheever was presented. "Our Doctor," says the telegraphic dispatch from Father P. F. ... spoke strongly against the seceding States, and advocated the abolition of slavery as a duty incumbent on the Federal government."

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INFORMATION WANTED in regard to Alexander & Sandy Dugan, son of BETSY DUGAN: He left the service of Mr. Jenkins in Baltimore, in June, 1859, and came to New York with money to purchase the freedom of his wife. He is believed to have been in Birmingham, N. Y., about two weeks ago. Skin brown. An negro man is another to ascertain his whereabouts.

He will be grateful for information to Will St. 107 Fifth street, Philadelphia.

An anti-slavery paper please copy.

Our Washington Correspondence.

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THE SPREAD OF WENDELL PHILLIPS, which will be found in this impression, has been published entire by THE TIMES, and almost entire by THE TRIBUNE. We believe, though we are not sure of the fact, that not one of even a daily journal of Boston deemed it worthy of even a passing notice! The press of that city is under the control of a heretic Cotton Oligarchy, and is therefore a liberal upon the spirit of Massachusetts.

THE LIFE AND LETTERS OF CAPTAIN JOHN BROWN.—This is a work of a world, edited by Richard D. Webb, of our cabin crew, and about to be published by London, Longman, Green, Longman, and Roberts.

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